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SUBJECT: GOZ INFORMS COUNTRY OF ANGOLAN ATTACK

1. IN RADIO STATEMENT MARCH 10, GOZ SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED FOR FIRST TIME THERE HAD BEEN ANGOLAN ATTACK IN SHABA REGION. SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT UN SYG AND SECURITY COUNCIL ARE BEING INFORMED OF AGGRESSION. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT:

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2. BEGIN TEXT: "SEVERAL THOUSAND PEOPLE ARMED WITH SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS HAVE INVADED OUR SOUTHEAST BORDERS AND HAVE BOMBED OUR MINING POSTS OF KISENGE, DILOLO AND KAPANGA. THIS HAS PRECIPITATED THE RETURN OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE CAPITAL THIS MORNING, ALTHOUGH HE WAS ORIGINALLY EXPECTED AT THE END OF THE AFTERNOON. IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN THE CAPITAL, THE PRESIDENT URGENTLY CONVOKED THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE ARMED FORCES

AND IMPORTANT DECISIONS WERE TAKEN. HE RECEIVED SOME AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED TO ZAIRE TO INFORM THEM OF THE SITUATION. THE ZAIRIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS WAS TOLD TO INFORM THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL. SIMILAR DEMARCHES ARE BEING MADE TO THE OAU. THE CITIZENS OF THE MPR NOW UNDERSTAND WHY THE AUTHORITIES OF LUANDA TOOK DELIGHT IN MULTIPLYING REMARKS AND DECLARATIONS WHICH CLAIMED TO PROVE TO INTERNATIONAL OPINION THAT ZAIRE WAS PREPARING ITSELF TO INFRINGE UPON THE SOVEREIGNTY OF ANGOLA. INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL OPINION NOW REALIZE THAT LUANDA WAS PREPARING A DELIBERATE AGGRESSION AGAINST ZAIRE IN ORDER TO DISTRUB THE PEACE SO DEARLY WON BY ZAIRIANS AT THE COST OF THOUSANDS OF SACRIFICES. THIS AGGRESSION, WHICH IS AN ATTACK AGAINST THE SOVEREIGNTY OF ZAIRE, RISKS HAVING SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES. IN THE COMING HOURS A COMMUNIQUE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY WILL BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL OPINION THE DETAILS OF THE SITUATION." END TEXT. WALKER

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